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The new Ministry of Colleges and Universities came into existence when The Government Reorganization Act, 1972, received Royal Assent on April 7th.

In accordance with recommendations made by the Committee on Government Productivity, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities is part of the Social Development Policy Field, along with the Ministries of Education, Health, and Community and Social Services.

Following is a brief summary of the functions of the former Department of Colleges and Universities, and of the branches and agencies which will be associated with the new Ministry. An organization chart is attached.

The Department of Colleges and Universities

Initially responsible for the university sector of post-secondary education, the Department of University Affairs was established in 1964 to provide operating and capital support to the 14 provincially assisted universities and related Ontario cultural institutions, and to administer programs of financial aid to

students. In October, 1971, the Department of University Affairs became the Department of Colleges and Universities, assuming responsibility for Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, and for the 20 colleges of applied arts and technology.

The Industrial Training Branch, formerly with the Department of Labour, is responsible for ensuring an adequate supply of properly trained men and women at the journeyman level through its apprenticeship programs; for providing industry with occupational skills by training, retraining or upgrading; for developing more flexible and effective methods of conducting industrial training; and for establishing and maintaining standards of proficiency in particular trades through a system of compulsory and voluntary certification.

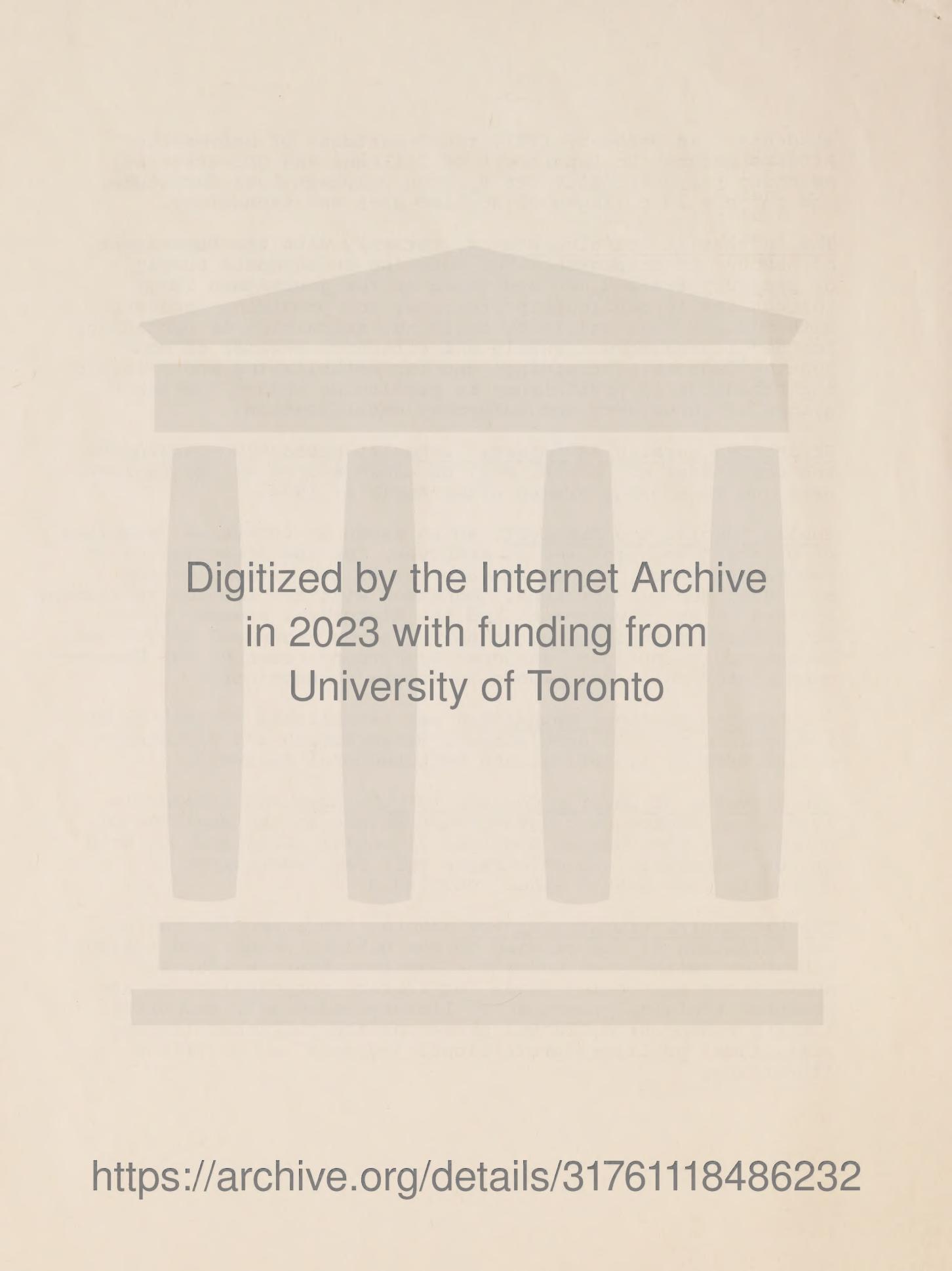
Registered Nursing Assistants' Schools, presently operated by the Department of Health, will be administered by the Applied Arts and Technology Branch after April 1, 1972.

Public Records and Archives, to be known in future as "Archives of Ontario" is comprised of Archives, for the preservation of records of value as well as material on the history of the province; Records Services, concerned with the records management systems of the Government; and the Historical Branch, which administers archeological research, gives technical advice and assistance to museums, and does background research for Government historical developments to ensure authenticity.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation was established in 1967 to be responsible for the acquisition, preservation and restoration of property of historical and architectural interest.

The Province of Ontario Council for the Arts was created in 1963 as an independent agency responsible to the Minister of Education. The Council provides financial assistance to arts groups in Ontario and encourages cultural development in community life and in school curricula.

The Provincial Library Service devotes its attention to the co-ordination of and service to the public, county and regional libraries established under The Public Libraries Act. PLS administers provincial funds for library purposes; plans and promotes training programs for library personnel; encourages library research; collects, preserves and publishes library statistics; publishes professional journals and certifies librarians.



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The Ontario Educational Communications Authority was established in June, 1970. The OECA has been given broad responsibilities for programs and materials in educational broadcasting and communications. Prior to that, it was known as the Educational Television Branch (ETV) of the Department of Education.

The Ontario Science Centre, on Don Mills Road, was opened in September, 1969, as a Centennial Project of the Province of Ontario. The Science Centre is visited by approximately 1,300,000 people a year, including both student groups and members of the general public.

